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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 extraneous. 3 Q. When I say personal it doesn't mean 4 personal in a personal sense. That sounds 5 redundant, but you are here as far as I'm 6 concerned because you were and are an employee 7 of WRS, and when I ask you this I presume you 8 still are an officer of WRS, so it is personal 9 in that sense. 10 A. Whatever. 11 MR. REILLY: You are 12 representing WRS but you could be an individual 13 who has information about the case and you 14 could be deposed individually in that capacity 15 as well, but you are here because you are the 16 president of WRS. 17 A. I was just curious because we have 18 been trying to collect this thing for so long 19 and it just seems like there has been so much 20 extraneous evidence that the thing has gone 21 down, and it would have been so much simpler if 22 we could have just collected money. I'm upset 23 about this because the fact that these people 24 didn't pay really impacted on the business. 25 MR. REILLY: Let him ask the</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 becoming employed, what was the next thing? 3 A. I was working my way through 4 college. I was going to Pitt and working in a 5 gas station, ended up getting married and 6 having a family young and I bought a gas 7 station and operated that until I was looking 8 for something different and I got started with 9 WRS as one of my jobs. 10 Q. What year was your employment with 11 WRS started? 12 A. 1959. 13 Q. When you started with WRS you would 14 have been approximately 20 years old? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. What was your position with WRS at 17 that time? 18 A. Customer service, order entry. 19 Q. Can you describe for me in the year 20 1959 when you started with WRS what WRS did and 21 tell me a little bit more about the company at 22 that time. 23 A. The company was a commercial 24 producer of industrial films and TV 25 commercials. It had a film laboratory that</p>
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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 questions. You answer the questions. 3 BY MR. SIEMINSKI: 4 Q. I can appreciate that being your 5 subjective frustration, but I guess what I am 6 going to say is I have a lot of questions to 7 ask and that is part of the process. 8 A. Please proceed. 9 Q. Do you live in the Pittsburgh area? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Are you married? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Do you have children, adult children 14 or young children? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Can you tell me where you graduated 17 from high school? 18 A. Scott High, North Braddock. 19 Q. What year was that, Jack? 20 A. 1957 I think. 21 Q. What I would like to do is trace 22 your professional background, your employment 23 history from high school to the present time. 24 What did you do after high school? 25 Either going on to college or university or</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 developed film, primarily news film and sports 3 film. 4 Q. In 1959 was the WRS facility located 5 in Oakland? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. This is somewhat what I suspected, 8 that if you had started with WRS as early as 9 you just told me you did that your professional 10 history would be somewhat contemporaneous with 11 WRS's history, so what I would like to have you 12 do is continue to trace your employment with 13 WRS and the kinds of things that you did as you 14 rose through the ranks so to speak. 15 A. Well, because it was a small company 16 and struggling it was very early in the 17 production arena and there wasn't very much 18 business and it was very hard to make a profit. 19 The production was dragging the company down. 20 At a point in time shortly after I 21 started the president of the company left and 22 production was discontinued. I ended up in a 23 position as the senior person, the only one 24 left there who knew anything about the 25 business.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 been the attorney that took something, copied, 3 whatever. Maybe they brought them back. 4 Whatever it was I remember there was 5 a heck of a lot more than we seem to have now. 6 Those should be around someplace, perhaps with 7 his ex-attorney. I don't think any of them are 8 germane to the case. 9 MR. REILLY: Let me make a 10 statement. I think Jack has related to you 11 what he and I were talking a bit over lunch 12 about, the documents that Mr. Herklotz sought 13 or his counsel sought previously, and they seem 14 to be more voluminous than the box that I have 15 been able to gather together to bring here 16 which took me three or more trips to WRS to 17 get. We walked through the facility and pulled 18 out of different places the documents that are 19 here, so I think we have what is germane to the 20 cause, but Jack just thought there might be 21 more documents. 22 THE WITNESS: Everything that 23 is germane to the case, invoices and statements 24 and so forth, but you were asking a lot about 25 production and production records and keeping</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 with Plaza I guess evolved from our 3 relationship with Eric Parkinson at Hemdale. 4 Q. Were there any issues associated 5 with the Hemdale relationship related to 6 payment or accounts receivable or anything like 7 that? 8 A. Hemdale paid slow but we collected. 9 They made good on what we had done. In fact, 10 at one point Plaza got the distribution 11 agreement from the estate of Hemdale to 12 distribute and that was supposed to be part of 13 these assets as well, duplication. 14 We have got some of those materials 15 and most of them were not shipped in as they 16 were supposed to be, but to that extent Hemdale 17 was involved, but they were assets of future 18 business as opposed to receivables by Hemdale, 19 unpaid receivables by Hemdale. 20 Q. If you had to characterize the 21 ultimate conclusion of the WRS/Hemdale 22 relationship it was what, satisfactory? 23 A. Satisfactory. They had a lot of 24 potential, but they also had some cash flow 25 issues which resulted in their going out of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 track, and we do make a lot of paper in this 3 industry and a lot of things in the production 4 process that really are meaningless unless you 5 are controlling production, which is what we 6 were doing. 7 MR. REILLY: Let him resume 8 his questioning. We made our statement. 9 BY MR. SIEMINSKI: 10 Q. I'm sitting here and have no basis 11 to agree, disagree, object, not object, and so 12 I understand that you have just made some 13 statements for the record, and I don't want any 14 silence on my part to indicate that I agree 15 because I have no basis to know whether or not 16 there is any merit to that, no merit 17 whatsoever. I just don't have any factual 18 basis to respond. 19 When did the Plaza/WRS relationship 20 begin? 21 A. I don't recall exactly. We had done 22 some work for Hemdale, which is a company that 23 Eric Parkinson ran, and it was someplace in the 24 nineties. Hemdale went out of business and 25 then Eric started Plaza, so our relationship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 business. 3 Q. What was Eric Parkinson's position 4 with Hemdale? 5 A. I think he might have been 6 president, maybe one of the principals. I 7 don't recall exactly. It was probably as I 8 said nineties, mid-nineties, something like 9 that. 10 Q. Did WRS have sales representatives 11 or account representatives or salespeople 12 designated for specific accounts, something 13 like that? 14 A. We did. 15 Q. Was there a person that was 16 designated as the account representative for 17 the Plaza account? 18 A. I don't think we had a 19 representative for Plaza. 20 Q. What was the sales representative or 21 customer service representative called at WRS 22 just so we can get our terms straight? 23 A. Sales representative. Some of them 24 were called regional sales managers but same 25 thing.</p>

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<p>Page 61</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Q. Would a regional sales manager</p> <p>3 supervise a number of sales representatives?</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. Is there anyone or was there anyone</p> <p>6 at WRS employed as a sales representative in</p> <p>7 the period of 1998 through let's say the year</p> <p>8 2001 that might have more knowledge of the</p> <p>9 Plaza account than you?</p> <p>10 A. I don't think we had a sales</p> <p>11 representative for Plaza. When we got started</p> <p>12 with Hemdale I can't remember how they came to</p> <p>13 be clients, how they contacted us, but they</p> <p>14 were not large clients. When Plaza started I</p> <p>15 don't recall whether we approached Eric. I</p> <p>16 think he called us, but I don't really</p> <p>17 remember.</p> <p>18 Q. Is there a reason why there wasn't a</p> <p>19 sales representative designated for Plaza?</p> <p>20 A. Not really. We did a lot of</p> <p>21 different things for a lot of different people,</p> <p>22 and the sales representatives were basically</p> <p>23 people who brought in new accounts and who</p> <p>24 serviced existing accounts.</p> <p>25 Plaza was not a big account in the</p>	<p>Page 63</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 A. Late eighties, early nineties.</p> <p>3 Q. By the time you developed a</p> <p>4 relationship with Plaza in say 1998 you already</p> <p>5 had a fulfillment center up and running</p> <p>6 offering those kind of services to other</p> <p>7 customers?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Contrary to that or the obverse of</p> <p>10 that is you didn't develop a fulfillment center</p> <p>11 in order to service Plaza's needs in any</p> <p>12 respect?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. I had asked and I didn't use these</p> <p>15 words but I was kind of implying whether there</p> <p>16 was a formal designation of anyone assigned to</p> <p>17 work with Plaza. Was there either one</p> <p>18 individual or perhaps a group of individuals</p> <p>19 that might have informally gravitated towards</p> <p>20 working with Plaza?</p> <p>21 A. Well, groups for sure worked with</p> <p>22 various people in customer service, a lot of</p> <p>23 credit situations because they were new and</p> <p>24 start-up and they were needing greater credit</p> <p>25 and we got into the big job that we did for</p>
<p>Page 62</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 beginning. They had the potential to become</p> <p>3 big. I guess there was just never a reason to</p> <p>4 assign someone specifically to them to develop</p> <p>5 it.</p> <p>6 Q. We have been talking to some extent</p> <p>7 about the sales mode. Was there anyone who was</p> <p>8 designated in a customer relationship mode</p> <p>9 managing that relationship or order fulfillment</p> <p>10 or some sort of liaison between WRS and Plaza?</p> <p>11 Was there anyone designated as such?</p> <p>12 A. Not designated specifically I don't</p> <p>13 recall. There may have been, I don't remember,</p> <p>14 but we had a lot of internal customer service</p> <p>15 people. They were like internal sales but</p> <p>16 their mission was to take care of customer</p> <p>17 orders and requests and fulfillment was a</p> <p>18 separate area. We touched on that a bit. I</p> <p>19 didn't expand but we did manufacturing and for</p> <p>20 a lot of people we sent the finished goods out</p> <p>21 directly to them. We also had a fulfillment</p> <p>22 center where we would do the shipping and even</p> <p>23 the billing for some people.</p> <p>24 Q. When did you develop the fulfillment</p> <p>25 center? By you I mean WRS.</p>	<p>Page 64</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Herklotz.</p> <p>3 A lot of that was beyond the bounds</p> <p>4 of ordinary people. I mean, a regular account</p> <p>5 with ongoing credit went through in a different</p> <p>6 way than a situation where every new order had</p> <p>7 to be considered did we really want to do it</p> <p>8 because we were getting many more orders than</p> <p>9 we were payments and this receivable kept</p> <p>10 escalating and there seemed to be always a</p> <p>11 silver lining at the end of the cloud but it</p> <p>12 was very elusive.</p> <p>13 Q. Would that situation have caused you</p> <p>14 personally to become involved?</p> <p>15 A. I was involved with a lot of it and</p> <p>16 my CFO, Joe Gerek, was involved with a lot of</p> <p>17 it. A few of our credit people were involved</p> <p>18 heavily with it that reported to Joe.</p> <p>19 Q. Who was that, Jack?</p> <p>20 A. John Purdy was one, probably the</p> <p>21 primary guy involved with that. Bill, I can't</p> <p>22 remember Bill's last name now, would have been</p> <p>23 a second.</p> <p>24 Q. Where is John Purdy now?</p> <p>25 A. Don't know.</p>

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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 Q. Bill, what was Bill's job title? 3 A. He was one of our collection people, 4 credit supervisors. 5 Q. I want to ask you a series of 6 questions about the Plaza/WRS relationship and 7 I want to start from the beginning. I want to 8 ask you in as much detail as you can possibly 9 remember what transpired between Plaza and WRS? 10 There are a fair amount of documents that are 11 within this room, so if there is any question I 12 ask you that you could answer with reference to 13 a document, please feel free to do so. 14 A. A lot of paper here. 15 Q. I understand. Let's just start at 16 the beginning. When did the Plaza relationship 17 evolve from the Hemdale situation to more of a 18 Plaza situation? The reason I ask it that way 19 is because you said your work for Hemdale 20 evolved into doing work for Plaza. 21 A. Our relationship with Eric Parkinson 22 at Hemdale resulted in a continuing 23 relationship with Eric Parkinson at Plaza. 24 Q. How did that happen? Did Eric come 25 to you at some point or call you on the</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 they were for, what were the quantities and to 3 whom those orders were shipped? 4 MR. GIBSON: Can I interrupt? 5 Some of the stuff here -- 6 MR. REILLY: You can look at 7 some of the stuff here that is available. 8 Don't answer until you look. 9 A. As I understand your question I 10 don't think there was any reason for us to know 11 that. As far as, I mean, once the 12 manufacturing is done the next stage is 13 collection, and once the bill is paid if the 14 bill is paid in full the computer deletes the 15 invoice because there is no reason to keep 16 that. There would have been lots of records 17 but not organized the way you are asking about. 18 I will take a look through here and see if 19 there is anything I can -- 20 MR. GIBSON: I think at the 21 very end there was a letter back in 1996. 22 THE WITNESS: On the bottom of 23 this? 24 MR. GIBSON: Yes, the very 25 bottom, there were records back in June 1996</p>
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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 telephone and say I have left Hemdale, I'm now 3 with Plaza, I look forward to doing business 4 with you in my role at Plaza? How did that 5 happen? 6 A. Well, as I mentioned before I think 7 that's what happened. It may have been that I 8 stayed in touch with him, I don't recall, but I 9 do believe, I think it is probable that he 10 contacted us after he started a new company. I 11 honestly don't recall that. 12 Q. What was the first order that you 13 received, you, WRS, received from Plaza? 14 A. I don't remember that, but the 15 orders started small. Whatever it was it was a 16 modest amount of money. As they got new titles 17 and as they started expanding the distribution 18 their orders increased, but our collections on 19 account started slowing down. The bigger they 20 got they had cash flow issues. 21 Q. Are there any documents or set of 22 documents that you are aware of that are either 23 in this room or perhaps elsewhere where you 24 would be able to reconstruct the first set of 25 orders from Plaza in the sense of what titles</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 that referred to a new enterprise. 3 MR. REILLY: Leaf through them 4 before you answer the question. Make sure you 5 go through that. I think the question was are 6 there documents that would allow you to 7 reconstruct how your relationship started with 8 Plaza. If you look there you might find the 9 answer. This is a letter dated August 7, 1996 10 or 1998. I can't quite make out the date. It 11 is congratulating Eric and Gordon on the 12 initial start-up for Plaza and Fun Co. 13 MR. REILLY: It would be 14 correct that if you took the time to go through 15 that file you might be able to reconstruct what 16 started the relationship with Plaza, which I 17 think was the question. 18 MR. SIEMINSKI: Yes. 19 A. This is the original letter. This 20 letter -- yes, this looks like an original 21 letter and price document to them, but I can't 22 make out the year. It is signed by Joe Gereck 23 and copied to me. It was the basis of the 24 initial contract. '96 it looks like according 25 to this.</p>

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<p>Page 70</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Do you know independently from</p> <p>4 memory what transpired after that letter in the</p> <p>5 sense of was there an agreement that was</p> <p>6 signed, were there orders that were placed? Do</p> <p>7 you have an understanding as to what</p> <p>8 transpired?</p> <p>9 A. Well, we started doing business. I</p> <p>10 presume they signed and accepted this because</p> <p>11 they gave us work. This document is not signed</p> <p>12 but it is a fax of it. From some of the other</p> <p>13 documents in here it does show that we did work</p> <p>14 for them. In fact, at one point they had a</p> <p>15 credit balance of \$21.40.</p> <p>16 MR. SIEMINSKI: Just for</p> <p>17 recordkeeping purposes do you mind if we mark</p> <p>18 this as an exhibit since we have now referred</p> <p>19 to it and I will have copies made.</p> <p>20 (Napor Exhibit No. 2 was marked</p> <p>21 for identification.)</p> <p>22 BY MR. SIEMINSKI:</p> <p>23 Q. Jack, I have handed you a copy of</p> <p>24 the Complaint that was filed in the 2003</p> <p>25 action, filed in United States District Court</p>	<p>Page 72</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Complaint as a framework for a number of</p> <p>3 reasons, and I wanted to obviate an objection</p> <p>4 down the road that this wasn't the right</p> <p>5 Complaint to use.</p> <p>6 MR. REILLY: Right, I</p> <p>7 understand.</p> <p>8 BY MR. SIEMINSKI:</p> <p>9 Q. Jack, could you take a look at</p> <p>10 Paragraph 13 in particular, and I should ask</p> <p>11 you preliminarily if in general this Complaint</p> <p>12 appears to be a true and correct copy of the</p> <p>13 Complaint that was filed on behalf of your</p> <p>14 company in 2003 against the Defendants?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. The document itself, the Complaint</p> <p>17 was signed by Mr. Reilly on behalf of WRS, and</p> <p>18 I presume that you worked with Mr. Reilly in</p> <p>19 order to provide the information that is</p> <p>20 contained in the Complaint?</p> <p>21 A. That's my recollection.</p> <p>22 Q. Let's focus on Paragraph 13, which</p> <p>23 indicates, and I'm going to paraphrase this,</p> <p>24 that on July 24, 1998 Parkinson acting as</p> <p>25 president and chief executive officer of Plaza</p>

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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 submitted to WRS an account application for the 3 purpose of inducing WRS to provide duplication 4 and fulfillment services to Plaza on a credit 5 basis. 6 Do you see that statement in the 7 Complaint? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. By virtue of the letter that we just 10 talked about where it appeared that the 11 relationship between Plaza and WRS was 12 established in August 1996 it appears that 13 there was some commercial relationship that 14 existed between WRS and Plaza prior to 15 July 24, 1998? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Do you have any idea or concept of 18 the volume of business that WRS did with Plaza 19 between August 1996 and July 1998? 20 A. Someplace in these documents we have 21 a statement. The March 31 statement shows that 22 they had a balance of \$66,000, so it would have 23 been something in excess of that as a total 24 amount of business over that time period. 25 Q. What year is the document that you</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 A. No. 3 MR. REILLY: As of March 31, 4 1997. 5 MR. SIEMINSKI: Right. 6 MR. REILLY: It could have 7 been less before that. 8 MR. SIEMINSKI: Yes, 9 understood. 10 BY MR. SIEMINSKI: 11 Q. The services that WRS rendered to 12 Plaza prior to July 24, 1998, were those 13 services rendered on something other than a 14 credit basis? 15 MR. REILLY: I mean, if you 16 recall. 17 A. I do not recall. 18 MR. REILLY: Would looking at 19 these documents assist you in formulating an 20 answer? 21 Q. Jack, while you are looking I'll 22 tell you the reason why I asked that question. 23 In the Complaint it indicates that on July 24, 24 1998 Plaza submitted an application, an account 25 application for the purpose of inducing WRS to</p>
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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 are reading from? 3 A. 1997. This is dated March 31, 1997. 4 MR. SIEMINSKI: Let's mark 5 that as Exhibit 3 please. 6 (Napor Exhibit No. 3 was marked 7 for identification.) 8 Q. What I understand you to be saying 9 in response to my question is that the volume 10 of business had to be at least -- I was going 11 to repeat the figure you gave me, but it 12 appears that the total of this document 13 Exhibit 3 is \$121,000 and change? 14 A. I'm sorry, I was giving the current 15 balance. Yes, that's correct, \$121,972. 16 Q. Since that document is dated 1997 it 17 would appear that the volume of business that 18 WRS did with Plaza prior to July 24, 1998 was 19 at least approximately \$121,000? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Could have been more? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Doesn't appear that it could have 24 been less based on the document you are 25 holding?</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 provide duplication and fulfillment services to 3 Plaza on a credit basis. 4 My point is while you are looking 5 through the documents it appears that Plaza was 6 already doing a substantial amount of 7 business -- I recognize substantial is subject 8 to interpretation but \$121,000 is fairly 9 substantial -- and so Plaza was doing 10 substantial business with WRS prior to July 24, 11 1998. 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. I'm trying to understand what the 14 basis for account application was if in fact 15 WRS already had an account open for Plaza as of 16 July 24, 1998. 17 A. Well, again, I can't tell you if 18 this is the first application. I can tell you 19 that they did start small as a start-up 20 operation and as they developed, as their 21 business developed their business strung out 22 because they were short on cash. They had a 23 big job that they wanted to get done and maybe 24 more than one job but they had John Herklotz's 25 job, Giant of Thunder Mountain, and we are</p>

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<p>Page 85</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 didn't have the money because they owed us old</p> <p>3 money and they needed additional credit, so it</p> <p>4 was obvious to us that they had no cash.</p> <p>5 Q. In other words, under those</p> <p>6 circumstances you felt like requesting cash</p> <p>7 up-front prior to duplication would be wasting</p> <p>8 your time?</p> <p>9 A. They didn't have money to pay the</p> <p>10 old bill.</p> <p>11 Q. So you sent a blank account</p> <p>12 application to Mr. Parkinson and it is your</p> <p>13 understanding he filled it out and sent it</p> <p>14 back. It is Exhibit A of the Complaint.</p> <p>15 A. That makes it easier. Yes.</p> <p>16 Mr. Parkinson filled it out on July 24, 1998.</p> <p>17 Q. Mr. Parkinson listed three trade</p> <p>18 references and two laboratories/video</p> <p>19 facilities previously used.</p> <p>20 Did you talk to any of the trade</p> <p>21 references, and when I say you, did you on</p> <p>22 behalf of WRS or to your knowledge anyone else</p> <p>23 at WRS talk to any of those trade references?</p> <p>24 A. I did not and I don't know if anyone</p> <p>25 else did.</p>	<p>Page 87</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Did WRS actually request that</p> <p>3 information of Mr. Parkinson or Plaza?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you have a recollection that you</p> <p>6 received that information?</p> <p>7 A. My recollection is that that was</p> <p>8 part of the problem that I mentioned earlier.</p> <p>9 It had gone through a couple of different</p> <p>10 software systems and a couple different</p> <p>11 accountants and I don't recall if we ever got</p> <p>12 completed statements.</p> <p>13 My recollection was that they never</p> <p>14 completed any other statements. I don't know</p> <p>15 what we might have received in the interim, but</p> <p>16 I did know they were having troubles putting</p> <p>17 their accounting together.</p> <p>18 As I recall that was also part of</p> <p>19 our request for payment, additional collateral,</p> <p>20 cash, whatever we could get, and that is when</p> <p>21 Mr. Herklotz stepped up to the plate.</p> <p>22 Q. How did Mr. Herklotz to the best of</p> <p>23 your recollection enter into the discussions?</p> <p>24 A. My recollection is that he was a</p> <p>25 principal in Plaza and that he produced the</p>
<p>Page 86</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Q. Did you talk to any of the labs?</p> <p>3 A. I don't recall. I may have.</p> <p>4 Q. Did you or anyone on behalf of WRS</p> <p>5 talk to any of the bank references? There were</p> <p>6 two.</p> <p>7 A. I don't recall.</p> <p>8 Q. Mr. Parkinson on the second page of</p> <p>9 the account application indicated an amount of</p> <p>10 \$500,000 for the estimated maximum dollar</p> <p>11 requirements for a 30-day period.</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. You were asked had Plaza or</p> <p>14 Mr. Parkinson ever been involved in bankruptcy</p> <p>15 or receivership. He checked no, and my</p> <p>16 question is did you ever do anything to verify</p> <p>17 that information independently?</p> <p>18 A. Well, I was aware of the Hemdale</p> <p>19 situation. I don't know, I don't recall what</p> <p>20 else we found, but I was aware of Hemdale.</p> <p>21 Q. In the account application itself</p> <p>22 there is an indication that WRS might request</p> <p>23 for a corporation current interim and last two</p> <p>24 years financial statements and/or federal</p> <p>25 income tax returns.</p>	<p>Page 88</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 Giant of Thunder Mountain and wanted to release</p> <p>3 it. Of course they needed a lot of additional</p> <p>4 dubs.</p> <p>5 Q. You also said something about there</p> <p>6 were substantial dubs that were requested?</p> <p>7 A. By release that would be part of the</p> <p>8 manufacture of dubs. Release means make the</p> <p>9 product and get it out there to sell.</p> <p>10 Q. The amount would be reflected in the</p> <p>11 purchase order that you alluded to earlier?</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. We should mark that purchase order</p> <p>14 if we haven't already done so.</p> <p>15 MR. REILLY: I think there are</p> <p>16 a number of purchase orders. That's why I said</p> <p>17 looking through that file.</p> <p>18 THE WITNESS: There was a</p> <p>19 bunch of them in here.</p> <p>20 MR. REILLY: Do they all</p> <p>21 pertain to the same transaction? They should</p> <p>22 be responsive to the question.</p> <p>23 A. Here is an earlier purchase order</p> <p>24 for it where we made 10,000 dubs in February.</p> <p>25 These would have been screeners it looks like.</p>

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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 Delivered on April 23, okay. 3 BY MR. SIEMINSKI: 4 Q. What are screeners? 5 A. Promotional copies that are sent out 6 so people can determine whether or not they 7 want to buy it. 8 Q. Plaza would probably send those out 9 for free, but you would require your normal fee 10 for duplicating those? 11 A. Yes, but we were having problems 12 with the collection even back then, so we were 13 handling orders on a consider each one 14 individually at that time as I recall. This 15 order is entered May 1. Oh no, I'm sorry, the 16 due date was May 1. Their due date never 17 changed but their getting us what we needed 18 constantly slipped. This was supposed to be a 19 couple of months beforehand, what we needed, 20 documentation and so forth. 21 Q. In the context that we are talking 22 about where Plaza was submitting a significant 23 order but had a previous account receivable 24 that they owed to WRS who at WRS had the 25 authority to authorize further duplication</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 A. That's correct. 3 Q. What was the amount that was billed 4 for that or invoiced for those videos? 5 A. Invoice 117027. 6 MR. REILLY: That wouldn't be 7 it. Wouldn't it show on there (indicating)? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, it would. 9 Q. It appears that the earliest invoice 10 on this printout is May 15, 1998. 11 A. Once an invoice was paid, then the 12 computer takes them off just like credit 13 statements, but if we have an earlier statement 14 it might show that. I did see some statements 15 somewhere. \$18,924.77. 16 Q. What are you reading from? 17 MR. REILLY: What are you 18 referring to? 19 A. I didn't hear your question. 20 Q. What document were you reading from? 21 A. Our statement of November 30, 1999. 22 Q. That refers back to the invoice? 23 A. Invoice for these 10,000 screeners 24 of Giant of Thunder Mountain. 25 MR. REILLY: Does it show the</p>
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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 services? 3 A. Either Joe Gerek or me. 4 Q. Anything of note in the documents 5 that you are taking a look at? 6 A. The order was shipped it appears on 7 the 23rd of April, but there is a note here 8 from Plaza dated July 14. It says it is 9 attached, so this would have been referring to 10 a different order. That was not the screeners. 11 This is attached to the wrong one. 12 Q. Jack, what quantity of video 13 cassettes was shipped on April 23, 1998? 14 A. It looks like 10,000 15 Q. I take it we have to look through 16 various invoices or shipment records to 17 determine what videos were sent versus being 18 able to refer to one document that would 19 indicate that in sort of a spreadsheet form? 20 A. That's correct. 21 Q. As you had just indicated, it 22 appears from a document that you are referring 23 to now that there was approximately 10,000 24 Giant of Thunder Mountain videos shipped on 25 April 23, 1998?</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski 2 date of the invoice? 3 THE WITNESS: Invoice date was 4 May 29. 5 MR. REILLY: Of 1998? 6 THE WITNESS: Of 1998, that's 7 correct. 8 BY MR. SIEMINSKI: 9 Q. You mentioned it earlier but what 10 was the invoice number? 11 A. 177027. 12 Q. Recall for me as best as you can 13 what conversations you had with John Herklotz 14 prior to the time when he submitted the 15 document that is Exhibit B of the Complaint. 16 A. I don't recall ever talking to John 17 Herklotz until I met him about a year ago, a 18 year and a half ago. 19 Q. You don't recall any discussions 20 with Mr. Herklotz prior to May or in May or 21 June of 1998? 22 A. I don't recall any, no. 23 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Gerek had 24 discussions with Mr. Herklotz? 25 A. I don't know.</p>

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<p>Page 94</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 originally placed in February but we wouldn't</p> <p>3 make them. Our order is marked on credit hold</p> <p>4 for processing. That's not this (indicating).</p> <p>5 This is a different order. This one was on</p> <p>6 hold but so was the one in February because of</p> <p>7 payment issues.</p> <p>8 Here is another note dated May 7,</p> <p>9 1998 from Eric Parkinson to Joe Gerek that said</p> <p>10 enclosed are two checks as discussed, \$40,000</p> <p>11 and \$10,000, and the next to the last paragraph</p> <p>12 says I'm filling out all of the UCC and credit</p> <p>13 documentations that John Purdy sent but don't</p> <p>14 have these complete right this second and the</p> <p>15 FedEx man is breathing over my shoulder so</p> <p>16 these will be completed and faxed and FedExed</p> <p>17 to you tomorrow for hard copy arrival Friday</p> <p>18 morning.</p> <p>19 My recollection, this entire job was</p> <p>20 held from the beginning because of the credit</p> <p>21 issues which is supported by what we have found</p> <p>22 so far in the documents.</p> <p>23 Q. We would have to talk apparently</p> <p>24 with Joe Gerek in order to understand what</p> <p>25 conversations he had with Mr. Herklotz prior to</p>	<p>Page 96</p> <p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Sieminski</p> <p>2 explained to Mr. Herklotz about the situation</p> <p>3 in general or any specific aspect of the</p> <p>4 situation prior to a request being made to</p> <p>5 Mr. Herklotz to sign the document that is</p> <p>6 appended to the Complaint as Exhibit B?</p> <p>7 A. The documents would indicate that</p> <p>8 Mr. Herklotz was aware that his guaranty was</p> <p>9 required before we were going to do any work.</p> <p>10 Q. But you were not privy to the</p> <p>11 discussion Mr. Gerek had with Mr. Herklotz?</p> <p>12 A. I was not present.</p> <p>13 Q. What if anything did WRS do to</p> <p>14 investigate Mr. Herklotz's ability to follow</p> <p>15 through on the document that he had signed?</p> <p>16 A. What do you mean to follow through?</p> <p>17 Q. Well, the document purports to</p> <p>18 obligate Mr. Herklotz to pay somebody else's</p> <p>19 debt, and I'm trying to understand what if</p> <p>20 anything WRS did to apprise itself of whether</p> <p>21 Mr. Herklotz had the financial ability to do</p> <p>22 that.</p> <p>23 A. Okay, his creditworthiness. I'm</p> <p>24 trying to remember what we did and precisely</p> <p>25 what we found. He had had a television</p>

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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Gibson 2 shipping things to? 3 A. I don't know all of them because I 4 didn't look at all of them, but just thumbing 5 through here it appears that these are invoices 6 that were generated either by us or by Plaza to 7 their customers. We must have done them. 8 Q. It shows Plaza Entertainment, Inc. 9 located at 1,000 Napor Boulevard. 10 A. Yes. When Plaza was having trouble 11 getting their records straight and collecting 12 money and paying us and so forth and they were 13 having trouble keeping their staff on is when 14 we made the agreement to take over those 15 services for them. 16 Q. I thought that was in 1998, 17 October 1998 was the Services Agreement when 18 you took over. Were there other invoices? The 19 other invoices sent before that were apparently 20 going out from Plaza and then the receipts were 21 going to a lock box in California or WRS? 22 A. I think we are maybe talking about 23 two different service agreements. One of them 24 was an agreement that guaranteed we were going 25 to get paid which Herklotz, von Bernuth and</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Gibson 2 happen and I had mentioned that Plaza said they 3 had accounts receivable of \$2.2 million that 4 kept eroding every time we asked. 5 We said look, maybe we can help you 6 with this and about a year later they said we 7 are just not getting it done, why don't you do 8 that. 9 At that point I sent a couple people 10 to the West Coast to get those records and find 11 out what was going on. They spent four or five 12 days there doing this but the records were 13 incomplete, disorganized, brought back what 14 they could. They had a lot of pieces of it 15 missing. Some of it was at Plaza's Fulfillment 16 Center in Arkansas as I recall, but these 17 invoices and statements were generated as a 18 result of our helping them do that. 19 There was never anything like we 20 were never able to collect or find anything 21 like they represented was due, and we found 22 that there were a lot of collection issues with 23 their clients on some of the former alleged 24 receivables. 25 Q. Going ahead to October 2000, that's</p>
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<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Gibson 2 Parkinson signed -- 3 Q. In 1998? 4 A. -- in 1998 that we called the 5 Services Agreement. Then when they asked us to 6 take over the physical distribution, the 7 fulfillment of their stuff, we were generating 8 invoices and trying to collect money for them, 9 and that is when the proceeds of that went into 10 a lock box. 11 We had an account with Plaza and 12 then we had a Plaza business if you will set up 13 with this where when people would order Plaza's 14 business at 1000 Napor Boulevard we would 15 manufacture, ship and bill and the proceeds 16 went into a lock box. The cost, and I don't 17 remember the exact percentage, but the 18 manufacturing costs came off the top and then 19 we split the proceeds. 20 Q. Are we missing a subsequent 21 agreement or is this all under the 1998 22 agreement? 23 A. I'm not sure there was a formal 24 additional agreement for doing that. This is 25 when earlier we were asking about how did that</p>	<p>1 J. Napor - by Mr. Gibson 2 when this thing is in place, Eric sent you a 3 response to your fax of late Friday evening. I 4 don't have a calendar with me, I'm not sure 5 which Friday it refers to, but is there any 6 place where we could find your fax that he was 7 responding to? 8 MR. REILLY: What date are you 9 talking about? 10 MR. GIBSON: October 15, 2000. 11 I don't know where that is, Tom. There is no 12 use looking for it here. 13 MR. REILLY: October 15, 2000? 14 A. This says -- 15 MR. REILLY: Read it first, 16 then we'll talk about it. 17 A. Was it 2000 that Eric was in with 18 Intertec? Intertec was another potential 19 investor who was considering putting up money 20 to distribute some of Plaza's assets. I 21 believe that this is what he is talking about, 22 this fax. 23 Do you have a copy of that that had 24 to do with negotiations going on? Eric was 25 trying to distribute this stuff that we were</p>

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2 receivable. There was a situation where WRS
3 apparently determined that Plaza was incapable
4 of collecting that receivable and managing the
5 distribution process.

6 A. No, that's not correct. Plaza for
7 whatever reason wasn't doing it and whatever
8 money was going into Plaza wasn't getting
9 distributed as it should have been, a big chunk
10 of it to us to pay for the dubs, and even so
11 Plaza was failing. They had an infrastructure,
12 a bunch of people, I don't remember how many,
13 seven or eight people rented off space and they
14 were doing these things which contributed to
15 their overhead and they weren't able to cover
16 the cost of their overhead. They were using
17 some of the money that they could have been
18 paying us and other creditors with just to
19 cover that cost, and at some point Parkinson
20 realized that they weren't doing an effective
21 job themselves and they couldn't cover these
22 costs anymore, and that's the basis that we
23 were talking about, how can we cut costs, how
24 can we get some of the money back in. That's
25 what happened.

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2 A. Some data. I don't have all of the
3 staff that was familiar with it to be able to
4 get everything out of it, but we have been able
5 to get some data.

6 MR. SIEMINSKI: Tom, I want to
7 on the record reserve my right to actually
8 inspect the computer system and operate it, and
9 this is a request being made prior to
10 expiration of the discovery deadline although
11 we have been cooperative.

12 MR. REILLY: I don't see any
13 problem with that.

14 MR. SIEMINSKI: Okay.

15 THE WITNESS: If your concern
16 is that the totals owed are inaccurate I don't
17 think that is going to be a factor.

18 BY MR. SIEMINSKI:

19 Q. I was just trying to find out
20 information, so I appreciate that you are
21 concerned about my concerns but that is not the
22 purpose of the questioning.

23 MR. SIEMINSKI: Off the
24 record.

25 (At this juncture, a luncheon